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**STATES TO RECEIVE \$167 MILLION IN SPORT FISH
AND WILDLIFE FUNDS AS FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY 1986 APPORTIONMENT;
SPORT FISH FUNDS NEARLY TRIPLE DUE TO
WALLOP-BREAUX EXPANSION LEGISLATION**

More than \$167 million in sport fish and wildlife restoration funds have been provided to the States, Commonwealths, and Territories by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as the first of two apportionments for 1986.

The money, which will be supplemented by a final apportionment in early 1986, comes from excise taxes on sporting equipment bought by hunters and anglers and is used to support the management, research, and land acquisition programs of State fish and wildlife agencies.

This year, the sport fishing restoration account -- commonly known as the "Dingell-Johnson" program -- includes the addition of more than \$65 million in new funds produced by 1984 legislation that extended the excise taxes to include some types of previously untaxed fishing equipment and incorporated a share of motorboat fuels taxes. This new legislation, authored by Senator Malcolm Wallop and Representative John Breaux, represented the first substantial expansion of the program since it was first created in 1950. Combined with base "Dingell-Johnson" funds, the new money will result in a tripling of the sport fish restoration account.

Fish restoration funds traditionally came from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of this money is made under a formula based on the number of angling license holders and the land and water area of each State. The "Wallop-Breaux" provisions extended this 10 percent tax to tackle boxes and related fishing equipment, added a three percent tax on trolling motors and flasher-type fish finders, and diverted a portion of the existing tax on motorboat fuels to sport fish restoration.

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The 1986 preliminary sport fish apportionment reflects \$14,800,000 in base "Dingell-Johnson" funds and \$65,200,000 in new "Wallop-Breaux" receipts, for a total of \$80 million. It is anticipated that year-end receipts will total approximately \$121 million. This year, the States receiving the largest share of sport fish restoration money include Alaska, California, Texas, Minnesota, and Michigan.

A total of \$87,800,000 is now being made available as the preliminary "Pittman-Robertson" wildlife restoration apportionment for 1986, made up of \$77,350,000 in restoration funds and \$10,450,000 in hunter safety education money. This year, Texas, Alaska, Pennsylvania, California, and Michigan lead the recipients of "Pittman-Robertson" wildlife funds.

The "Pittman-Robertson" wildlife restoration program funds come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment, and a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers. Wildlife fund proportions are calculated on the basis of hunting license holders and land area, while the hunter education share is based on the relative population of each State.

The "Dingell-Johnson" fisheries program has provided more than \$580 million to support restoration activities since these funds were first allocated in 1952. The "Pittman-Robertson" wildlife program has generated over \$1.6 billion since its creation in 1939.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds by State, Commonwealth, and Territory.

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**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF
FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986**

	<u>BASE FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPANDED FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ALABAMA	253,661	1,117,479	1,371,140
ALASKA	740,000	3,260,000	4,000,000
ARIZONA	314,653	1,386,175	1,700,828
ARKANSAS	251,628	1,108,521	1,360,149
CALIFORNIA	740,000	3,260,000	4,000,000
COLORADO	362,128	1,595,319	1,957,447
CONNECTICUT	148,000	652,000	800,000
DELAWARE	148,000	652,000	800,000
FLORIDA	325,277	1,432,979	1,758,256
GEORGIA	299,880	1,321,093	1,620,973
HAWAII	148,000	652,000	800,000
IDAHO	250,798	1,104,866	1,355,664
ILLINOIS	326,118	1,436,681	1,762,799
INDIANA	256,617	1,130,504	1,387,121
IOWA	221,195	974,451	1,195,646
KANSAS	217,545	958,374	1,175,919
KENTUCKY	241,938	1,065,832	1,307,770
LOUISIANA	242,033	1,066,255	1,308,288
MAINE	148,000	652,000	800,000
MARYLAND	148,000	652,000	800,000
MASSACHUSETTS	148,000	652,000	800,000
MICHIGAN	547,815	2,413,348	2,961,163
MINNESOTA	558,557	2,460,670	3,019,227
MISSISSIPPI	212,426	935,824	1,148,250
MISSOURI	388,231	1,710,314	2,098,545
MONTANA	334,018	1,471,484	1,805,502
NEBRASKA	193,012	850,296	1,043,308
NEVADA	230,663	1,016,164	1,246,827
NEW HAMPSHIRE	148,000	652,000	800,000
NEW JERSEY	148,000	652,000	800,000
NEW MEXICO	267,704	1,179,342	1,447,046
NEW YORK	359,416	1,583,372	1,942,788
NORTH CAROLINA	206,170	908,263	1,114,433
NORTH DAKOTA	165,201	727,779	892,980
OHIO	366,739	1,615,635	1,982,374
OKLAHOMA	291,213	1,282,910	1,574,123
OREGON	343,500	1,513,257	1,856,757
PENNSYLVANIA	369,101	1,626,039	1,995,140
RHODE ISLAND	148,000	652,000	800,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	165,885	730,791	896,676
SOUTH DAKOTA	176,254	776,472	952,726
TENNESSEE	266,646	1,174,685	1,441,331
TEXAS	740,000	3,260,000	4,000,000
UTAH	248,792	1,096,028	1,344,820
VERMONT	148,000	652,000	800,000
VIRGINIA	217,735	959,211	1,176,946
WASHINGTON	342,664	1,509,575	1,852,239
WEST VIRGINIA	148,000	652,000	800,000
WISCONSIN	517,898	2,281,548	2,799,446
WYOMING	224,224	987,799	1,212,023
PUERTO RICO	148,000	652,000	800,000
GUAM	49,333	217,333	266,666
VIRGIN ISLANDS	49,333	217,333	266,666
AMERICAN SAMOA	49,333	217,333	266,666
MARIANA ISLANDS	49,333	217,333	266,666
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	49,333	217,333	266,666
TOTAL	<u>\$14,800,000</u>	<u>\$65,200,000</u>	<u>\$80,000,000</u>

PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF
FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986

	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	1,279,207	253,032	1,532,239
ALASKA	3,867,500	104,500	3,972,000
ARIZONA	1,828,887	176,785	2,005,672
ARKANSAS	1,329,138	148,663	1,477,801
CALIFORNIA	3,087,370	313,500	3,400,870
COLORADO	1,971,467	187,906	2,159,373
CONNECTICUT	386,750	202,134	588,884
DELAWARE	386,750	104,500	491,250
FLORIDA	1,292,547	313,500	1,606,047
GEORGIA	1,559,971	313,500	1,873,471
HAWAII	386,750	104,500	491,250
IDAHO	1,572,714	104,500	1,677,214
ILLINOIS	1,441,699	313,500	1,755,199
INDIANA	1,169,209	313,500	1,482,709
IOWA	1,292,099	189,503	1,481,602
KANSAS	1,566,371	153,716	1,720,087
KENTUCKY	1,190,446	238,160	1,428,606
LOUISIANA	1,472,052	273,450	1,745,502
MAINE	902,723	104,500	1,007,223
MARYLAND	516,591	274,261	790,852
MASSACHUSETTS	386,750	313,500	700,250
MICHIGAN	2,784,120	313,500	3,097,620
MINNESOTA	2,079,392	265,201	2,344,593
MISSISSIPPI	1,247,858	163,957	1,411,815
MISSOURI	1,947,076	313,500	2,260,576
MONTANA	2,353,324	104,500	2,457,824
NEBRASKA	1,335,552	104,500	1,440,052
NEVADA	1,474,825	104,500	1,579,325
NEW HAMPSHIRE	386,750	104,500	491,250
NEW JERSEY	402,893	313,500	716,393
NEW MEXICO	1,791,942	104,500	1,896,442
NEW YORK	2,431,959	313,500	2,745,459
NORTH CAROLINA	1,397,301	313,500	1,710,801
NORTH DAKOTA	1,076,264	104,500	1,180,764
OHIO	1,558,677	313,500	1,872,177
OKLAHOMA	1,708,278	196,780	1,905,058
OREGON	1,991,828	171,243	2,163,071
PENNSYLVANIA	3,440,015	313,500	3,753,515
RHODE ISLAND	386,750	104,500	491,250
SOUTH CAROLINA	833,709	202,891	1,036,600
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,334,707	104,500	1,439,207
TENNESSEE	1,766,465	298,608	2,065,073
TEXAS	3,867,500	313,500	4,181,000
UTAH	1,561,162	104,500	1,665,662
VERMONT	421,350	104,500	525,850
VIRGINIA	1,534,510	313,500	1,848,010
WASHINGTON	1,527,987	268,649	1,796,636
WEST VIRGINIA	1,040,901	104,500	1,145,401
WISCONSIN	2,298,320	306,061	2,604,381
WYOMING	1,579,176	104,500	1,683,676
PUERTO RICO	386,750	--	386,750
GUAM	128,917	--	128,917
VIRGIN ISLANDS	128,917	--	128,917
AMERICAN SAMOA	128,917	--	128,917
MARIANA ISLANDS	128,917	--	128,917
TOTAL	\$77,350,000	\$10,450,000	\$87,800,000